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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 as follows:

Generally, Smads have two domains called MH1 (Mad homology 1) domain in the N-terminal region and MH2 domain in the C-terminal region, which are highly conserved among the Smad family. The MH1 domain and the MH2 domain are linked together in the region called “linker region” ~~with low homology~~.